

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, February 20, 1996

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mrs. MORELLA].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using the words of Psalm 121:

*I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where
is my help to come?*

*My help comes from the Lord, the maker
of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot be moved and He
who watches over you will not fall
asleep.*

*Behold, He who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;*

*The Lord himself watches over you; the
Lord is your shade at your right
hand,*

*So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is He who shall keep you safe.*

*The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, from this time
forth forevermore.*

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT ON AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE FARM BILL

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOSS. Madam Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet on Tuesday, February 27, 1996, to grant a rule which may limit the amendments

to be offered to H.R. 2854, the Agricultural Market Transition Act, which incorporates in large part the provisions of title I of the Balanced Budget Act.

Any Member who desires to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by 3 p.m. on Monday, February 26, to the Committee on Rules, at room H-312 in the Capitol.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of the Agriculture Committee reported version of the bill, which is available in the document room.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

Madam Speaker, the Committee on Rules has forwarded to each Member's office a "Dear Colleague" with the same information. We realize that Members are responsible for being attentive even while they are in their districts, and we want to make sure that we get this news out.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DAVIS. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 23, 1996, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of February 16, 1996]

2061. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-197, "District of Columbia Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals Membership Simplification Act of 1996," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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2062. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of February 1, 1996, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. N. 104-176); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2063. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled "1994 Annual Report on Low-Level

Radioactive Waste Management Progress," pursuant to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1985; to the Committee on Commerce.

2064. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the list of all reports issued or released in January 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2065. A letter from the President and CEO, African Development Foundation, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2066. A letter from the Director, Operations and Finance, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2067. A letter from the Chairperson, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2068. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the Comptroller General's report on GAO employees detailed to congressional committees as of January 19, 1996; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2069. A letter from the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2070. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2071. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Department of the Interior, transmitting notification of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OHS areas, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Resources.

2072. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's determination and memorandum of justification regarding assistance to Haiti, pursuant to Public Law 104-99, section 301 (110 Stat. 38); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and International Relations.

2073. A letter from the Mayor, District of Columbia, transmitting the comprehensive annual financial report of the District of Columbia, pursuant to Public Law 102-102, section 2(b) (105 Stat. 495); jointly, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Appropriations.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

200. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to the "Blizzard of 1996"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 940: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 1021: Ms. VELAZQUEZ and Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 1023: Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mrs. MALONEY.

H.R. 2143: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. WILSON, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 2214: Mr. TORRES, Mr. MCCOLLUM, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

H.R. 2959: Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MOAKLEY, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. REED, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. KENNELLY, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

57. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the council of the city and county of Honolulu, HI, relative to the State of Hawaii to secure access to oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in case of emergency; to the Committee on Commerce.

58. Also, petition of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the county of Mercer, NJ, relative to the board's support for Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH as he strives to protect the needs of the senior citizens and all residents of Mercer County; jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.